SUBJECT No. 228.

Alteration in the conditions for accepting tenders and bids.

Mr. M. K. Krishnamurti Rao, Magadi Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—The present discretionary power given to Government officers to accept or refuse a bid or tender without assigning any reason therefor, gives room for malpractices. Such discretionary power should be withdrawn.

Messrs. Nanjunda Chetty and Narasinga Rao spoke against the proposal and in favor of the present system.

Reply of Government.—The discretion is necessary and no alteration of the rule is called for. If the discretion is abused, an appeal may be made to higher authorities.

SUBJECT No. 229.

A Regulation to prohibit young boys from smoking.

Mr. Annaiya Pandit, Yedatore Taluk, and some others.

Summary of discussion.—In this Province boys of five or six years of age begin to smoke cigarettes. This tells very much upon their health. It is therefore requested that a Regulation may be framed prohibiting boys under eighteen years of age from smoking tobacco and this may be published throughout the Province.

Reply of Government.—Noted for consideration.

SUBJECT No. 230.

Industrial Association at Bangalore.

Mr. M. Venkatakrishnaiya, Mysore City Municipality.

Summary of discussion.—It is requested that encouragement may be given to the Industrial Association at Bangalore.

Withdrawn.

SUBJECT No. 231.

Prevention of thefts of cattle.

Mr. Harikere Ramappa, Shimoga Municipality.

Summary of discussion.—Many cattle are flayed alive and the skin sold to mandi merchants. The encouragement given to cattle-lifters by these merchants is so great that the raiyats are afraid that their cattle going out to graze may not return home for the night safely. If it is ruled that the seller of a skin should obtain a permit from the patel of the village where the animal is killed, and get it countersigned by the patel of the village in which the mandi is located, and if the merchant is required to produce these permits when required, there is a chance of the offenders being found out. It is also suggested that some tax may be imposed on this trade.

Reply of Government.—Noted for consideration.

SUBJECT No. 232.

Paper manufactory.

Mr. S. R. Balakrishna Rao, B. A., LL.B., Shimoga Municipality.

Summary of discussion.—Our forests have an abundant supply of bamboos. An experiment may be directed to be made in the manufactory of paper from this material. Should it prove successful, the Government may establish a paper mill at State cost to enable them to have an indigenous supply of this most necessary article of stationery.

Reply of Government.—Noted for consideration.

SUBJECT No. 233.

Application for manganese prospecting to be made to Deputy Commissioners.

Mr. H. Ramappa, Shimoga Municipality.

Summary of discussion.—It is prayed that Deputy Commissioners may be empowered to receive applications for prospecting for manganese and submit them to the higher authorities with their recommendations.

Reply of Government.—Noted for consideration.